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William Suhr letters

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Suhr letters
<b>Date:</b>	1927-1959
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.suhrwill
<b>Creator:</b>	Suhr, William, 1896-1984
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Linear feet ((on partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2804, 3465 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Conservator, educator, painter.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence.

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REEL 3465: Correspondence with Wilhelm Reinhold Valentiner, mainly regarding the restoration and conservation of art works; a letter from Eduard Plietzsch; a letter from the North Carolina Museum of Art regarding an exhibition honoring Valentiner; and a 230-p. transcript of 11 lectures for Suhr's class "The Technique of the Old Masters and Problems of Restoration and Preservation." Suhr writes about the history of painting techniques and materials, restoration principles and techniques, preservation and forgeries.

## Scope and Contents

REEL 2804: A photocopy of an illustrated letter, March 27, 1937 from Lyonel Feininger.

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UNMICROFILMED: A photocopy of a letter, Oct. 9, 1944 from Lyonel Feininger.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art -- Conservation and restoration

Names:

Feininger, Lyonel, 1871-1956

Valentiner, Wilhelm Reinhold, 1880-1958

Occupations:

Conservators

Educators

Painters